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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent on education alongwith its percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during each of the last three years and the current year;and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reach the target of allocation of six per cent of GDP on education?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a): The figures of Expenditure on Education and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are not available for the current year (2007-08). However, details of amount spent on education in the country alongwith its percentage of GDP during the last three years are as hereunder:-

Year	Gross Domestic Product(GDP) (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure on Education (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure on Education as % of GDP
2004-05	2855933	96694.10	3.39%
2005-06	3250932	116252.47(RE)	3.58%
2006-07	3717465	132749.28(BE)	3.57%

Legend: RE= Revised Estimates.
BE=Budget Estimates. Figures for these years are provisional.

(b): The Common Minimum Programme of the Government pledges to increase the public spending in education to at least 6% of GDP in a phased manner with at least half of the amount being spent on primary and secondary education sectors. Education Cess @ 2% on all Central Taxes was levied w.e.f Financial Year 2004-05 and additional cess @ 1% on all Central Taxes for funding Higher and Secondary Education has been levied from the financial year 2007-08. The XI Plan Approach Paper approved by NDC also says that the XI Plan should ensure that we move towards raising public spending in education to 6% of GDP.